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TRS 215 MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

**TITLE OF PAPER : Biblical anthropology
COURSE CODE : TRS 215
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Giving specific examples to illustrate your views, explain why it is very important to read the Bible through the lens of anthropology. [20]

Question 2

Explain ways in which the creation account in Genesis resonates with similar stories in the Ancient Near East. [20]

Question 3

Compare and contrast the concept of sin from a biblical and an African perspective. Give specific examples in support of your points. [20]

Question 4

“Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh” (Genesis 41:14, RSV). In light of Egyptian court and mores, what did Joseph save and for what reasons? [20]

Question 5

Using at least two letters studied in this course, discuss the key elements of the anthropology of Paul the Apostle. [20]

Question 6

“O foolish Galatians! Who has *bewitched you*, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified”? Explain, in detail, nuanced religious beliefs underlying this rhetorical question by Paul. [20]